

From: Shelly
To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Senator Santorum,

I am writing to let you know my views on the Microsoft settlement. First and foremost, this case has been in litigation for far too many years now. Secondly, this lawsuit should not have concerned the federal government, since no laws have been broken. Settlements have been reached in various states, all of which have involved appropriate concessions, including more information sharing and changes in Microsoft's business practices.

I have firsthand experience with big business. I previously worked in the steel industry, and due to government intervention and regulation, I permanently lost the only job I knew. I wish the lawmakers would try to understand what that is like. Pennsylvania's steel industry will never be the same and it's too late to change that. I urge you to please do your best to see that this does not happen to Microsoft. Our nation's IT industry depends on companies such as Microsoft and our economy also depends on the IT industry.

I strongly suggest that it is in the best interest of everyone to discontinue these lawsuits so our economy can return to a sense of normalcy. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John J. Petroci Jr.